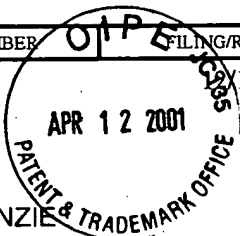




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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

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Serial No.: 09/752,135

Filing Date: December 19, 2000

For: Rule-Mitigated Collaboration System
and Method

Examiner: not yet assigned

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Re: Response to Notice to File
Missing Parts of Nonprovisional
Application

Our Docket No. 25609.00010

Date of this paper: April 12, 2001

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, a copy of which is enclosed, applicants respectfully submit herewith check no. 1267 in the amount of \$65.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16(e) and 37 CFR 1.27, a copy of the executed Declaration/Power of Attorney and executed Statement Claiming Small Entity Status, and substitute drawings pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84. Applicants request that the attached check, executed documents and substitute drawings be entered into the above-identified application prior to examination.

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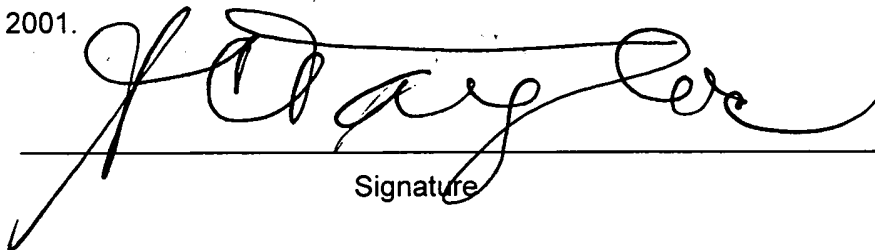


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Respectfully submitted,

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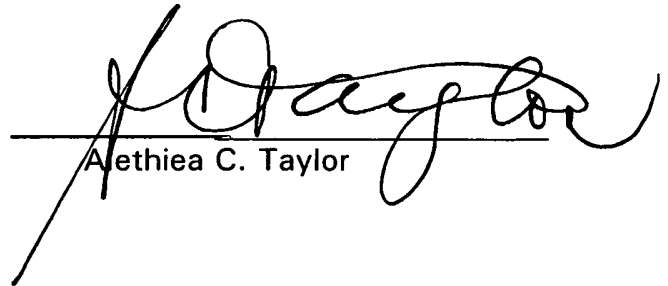
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Re: Application Number 09/752,135

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the Response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated 2/15/2001, a copy of which has been enclosed, a copy of the Declaration/Power of Attorney and Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. These documents may have already been filed with your office, however, we have included an additional copy, as this file was transferred to us from the law firm that was previously handling this matter and the filing status of these documents is unclear. We thought it best to err on the side of caution in sending a duplicate set of documents.

Very truly yours,


JoAnne S. Redmann, Esq.

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